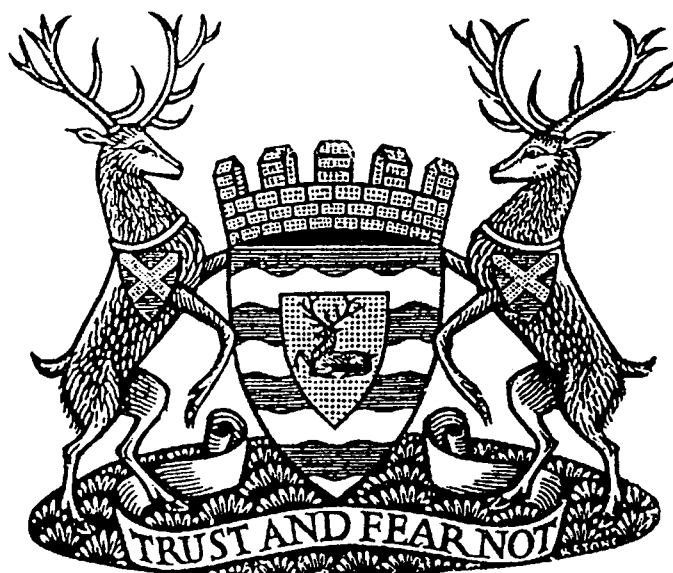


THE HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Editorial

There have been several changes in Herts Chess in the last year. Bryan Fewell has retired from President for a well-earned rest, to be replaced by John Denton. We also have new captains for the SCCU U100 and Chiltern Adults teams, but sadly at time of writing there is no captain for the Chiltern U18 team, so it looks as if this one won't be run unless someone steps forward very quickly. Tim Thurstan takes over the role of chief arbiter from Glynne Jones, who stood down due to ill-health. We also have a new magazine editor, since Steve Law declined to continue at the last AGM. (I might point out I wasn't actually elected for this, since the post was unfilled at the end of the AGM. However since the magazine is an important means of communication within the Association I decided to take it on).

Congratulations to Lorin D'Costa on winning outright both the British U13 and U14 Championships. As far as I'm aware this is a unique achievement - hopefully one the England junior selectors can't ignore.

Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell

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Miscellaneous Posts

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Congress Organiser	Anthony Burrows	(see above)
Chief Arbiter	Tim Thurstan	01462-459873
Magazine Editor	Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell	(see above)
County Grader	Dave Parrott	01462-625010
Equipment Curator:	(contact Tony Turner)	(see above)

Auditor. Tom Tomkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

At the AGM on 26 June I had the honour of being elected to succeed Bryan Fewell as President of the Herts. Chess Association. Bryan has done a tremendous job in his 23 years in the post, and I would like to add my thanks to those which were expressed by others at the meeting.

Chess in Hertfordshire is generally in good shape. We have a thriving league, ably run by John Leake, and a range of county teams catering for all strengths of players, both junior and adult. However, we cannot rest on our laurels, and there is much to be done to maintain and develop chess, both within Hertfordshire and in our relations with the wider chess world.

A number of issues come to mind. It has become increasingly difficult to find volunteers to assist in the running of the association. Clearly, events will not happen by themselves, and we need a supply of willing people to help run the activities of the association. Chris Lean has expressed a wish to retire as treasurer within the next few years, and it is crucial that we have a capable successor. The association must have sound finances if our work is to succeed. Indeed, this is so important that I believe we should seek the appointment of an assistant treasurer to work alongside Chris for at least twelve months prior to his retirement. On a more positive note, John Marshall has kindly stepped forward to run the adult Chiltern team for the coming season, and Tom Allen is to succeed Bill D'Costa as Chiltern under 18 captain. This means that we will be back to our full complement of county teams. (*Unfortunately Tom Allen is now unable to do the Chiltern U18 captaincy - Ed.*)

The development of junior chess is vital - in essence, it is the future of Hertfordshire chess. Many individuals have contributed over the years, perhaps most notably Glynne Jones. As many of you know, Glynne has now been forced to retire from active chess organisation due to ill health. To ensure that the impetus generated by Glynne will not be lost, new structures have been put in place, and I am keen to see that we present a unified front, and that we can be easily found and approached by young chess players and their parents. I was particularly delighted at one piece of good news on the junior scene, when Lorin D'Costa from my own club Royston won the Under 13 and Under 14 titles at the British Chess Championships this summer. Of course, not every junior will aspire to this level of success, but it cannot fail to inspire others.

I was very disappointed at the cancellation of the Herts. Congress in October 1997 (particularly as I had entered!). There has been a wide ranging debate as to the reasons for the low number of entries, and it was decided not to hold a congress in 1998. However, your executive is determined to ensure that this does not mark the end of a long tradition, and plans are already afoot to revive the congress in 1999. Watch this space!

There are many more issues I could mention, but for reasons of space, I will finish with a brief mention of one forthcoming event. In 2001, the Hertfordshire Chess Association celebrates its centenary. A committee has been formed to discuss appropriate ways of celebrating this landmark event. I would envisage a number of events over the course of the year, perhaps with one eye on promoting chess to a wider audience, and with one or two social events thrown in. As ever, we are open to suggestions from the members, so please do not be backward in coming forward!

John Denton

Harmer - Denton Cambs. v Herts., 01.11.1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Be6! If ed4, 6. Bc4 is very dangerous. 6.c3 Not 6. Ne5? Qh4+ winning, or 6. de5? Qd1+ followed by rounding up the e5 pawn. Black would have the better pawn structure, and White's king is awkwardly placed. 6...Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Qc2 Qc7 11.Nc4 Bxc4 12.Bxc4 Rae8 The other rook remains at f8 to protect f7, and to support the advance ...f5. White's centre looks shaky, particularly with the king still uncastled. 13.Bd3 exd4 14.Bxd4 Nxe4! 15.Bxe4 f5 16.0-0-0 fxe4 17.Nd2 Bf4 18.Kb1? 18. Rde1 is better. Now I missed ... e3 19. N moves c5, trapping the bishop. 18...c5? 19.Bg1 Nf6 20.g3 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 If 21. Rd2, e3 followed by Qc6 wins. 21...Rd8 22.Qe2 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Rd8 24.Qe2 Rd3! The most difficult move of the game. Black prepares to place the queen behind the rook, creating dangerous threats, whilst preventing the freeing Qc4+ and supporting the further advance of the e pawn. 25.Be3 Qd6 26.Bg5 Qd5 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Re1 Rd2! 29.Qg4+ Or 29. Qe4 Rd1+ 30.Kc2 Qd2+ White's rook is lost, and Black will escape the perpetual attempts of the White queen. 29...Kf7 30.Kc1 Rxh2 31.Rd1 Qg5+ 32.Qxg5 fxg5 33.Rd7+ Ke6 34.Rxb7 e3 35.Kd1 Or 35. Ra7 Rh1+36. Kc2 e2 wins. Although both sides have active rooks, black has a winning advantage based on an extra pawn, allowing the creation of a second passed pawn on the kingside, along with a better king position. 35...h5 36.a4 h4 37.gxh4 gxh4 38.b4 cxb4 39.cxb4 h3 40.Rh7 Rd2+ 41.Ke1 h2 42.b5 Ra2 The black h pawn will cost white his rook 0-1

HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15 APRIL 1998

1997	GENERAL INCOME	1998	1997	GENERAL EXPENSES	1998
5	Adjudications	5.00	106	Committee/AGM Hall Hire	65.00
2	Commission from BCF	---	35	BCF Year Book	28.00
70	Club Affiliation Fees	100.35	239	Bulletin	226.57
47	Interest	74.42	41	Herts Grading List	38.00
396	President & Vice-Presidents Subs	492.50	160	Insurance	166.70
5	Rules Appeals	---	30	SCCU Fees	30.00
26	Score Sheets - Sales	13.20	108	Secretary	100.38
6	Ties - Sales	---	55	Tie Fund Appropriation	50.00
80	Unattached Member Subscriptions	70.00	26	Treasurer	28.00
49	Other	47.10	---	Other	20.00
686		802.57	800		752.65

INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR ACTIVITIES WERE

1997		Income	Expenses	Game Fees	Surplus	Deficit
18	Congress	---	191.00	---	---	191.00
-57	Correspondence Chess	---	64.00	---	---	64.00
-148	County Matches - BCF, SCCU	---	158.00	---	---	158.00
-21	County Matches - General	627.50	537.08	168.15	---	77.73
-55	County Matches - Hall Hire	---	425.50	---	---	425.50
+10	Individual Tournaments (Capel & Burn)	58.00	11.37	9.26	37.37	---
-189	Junior - Congresses	916.31	878.06	---	38.25	---
-6	Junior - Schools League	66.00	63.00	---	3.00	---
+526	League	1392.06	19.17	784.87	588.02	---
+32	Team Knock-Outs (Russell, Sharp, Under-125)	126.48	11.00	77.03	38.45	---
110		3186.35	2358.18	1039.31	705.09	916.23

GRANT FROM MIDLAND BANK

	Unspent at 16 April 97	Income	Expenses	Unspent at 15 April 98
North Herts League	331.68	57.00	117.00	271.68

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15 APRIL 1998

1997	ASSOCIATION FUNDS	1998	1997	ASSETS and LIABILITIES	1998
754	Funds as at 16th April 1997	748.92	1658	Assets	
=====		=====	107	Bank and Cash Balances	1295.37
686	Add General Income	802.57	1765	Add sums owing to the Assoc	431.50
(800)	Less General Expenditure	(752.65)	=====	Total Assets	1726.87
(114)	Net General (Expenditure)/Surplus	49.92	=====	Liabilities	
=====		=====	250	Bulletin (Est)	250.00
585	Add from Activities in surplus	705.09	100	County Matches - BCF Final Stages	50.00
(476)	Less from Activities in deficit	(916.23)	---	Congress	61.00
109	Net surplus/(deficit) on Activities	(211.14)	332	Balance of Grants	271.68
=====		=====	215	Ties Replacement Fund	265.00
(5)	(Deficit) for the year	(161.22)	119	Other Sums Payable	241.49
=====		=====	1016	Total Liabilities	1139.17
749	Funds as at 15th April 1998	587.70	=====		=====
			749	Net Assets	587.70

ACCOUNTING POLICY AND EQUIPMENT

NOTE No value is put on Equipment, Score Sheets or Ties as at 15 April 1998

EQUIP) Silver Cups: Burn, Capel, Hakansson, Lee-Johnson, 'new' Puller, 'old' Puller, Sharp.
 -MENT) Silver Plate Cups: Berry, Davis, E J Leyns, 3 Schools League, League Division 5.
 Montague-Jones Board, 5 engraved Chess Clocks, Mrs Pattison Board and Set
 70 County Match Boards and Sets, 70 County Match Clocks. K L Woodland Board and Set
 97 Ties (After 10 AGM awards) G W Davis Board and Set J E Gately Board and Set

(C LEAN)
 Hon Treasurer, 6th June 1998

HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

I have audited the financial statements on the previous page in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In common with many other organisations of a similar size and nature, the Association's system of control depends on the close involvement of the Treasurer and other officers. Where independent confirmation of the completeness of the accounting records was not therefore available I have accepted assurances from the Treasurer that all of the Association's transactions have been reflected in the records. The operation of a system of budgetary control has supported my reliance on this assurance. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated.

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at 15 April 1998 and of the deficit for the year then ended.

(T TOMKINS, FCCA)
Hon. Auditor, 6th June 1998

Treasurer's commentary on the financial results for the year ended 15 April 1998

This year has been extremely unfortunate for two reasons, each of which has had a serious effect on the Association's finances:-

- a) Congress entries were so few that one week before the due date it was decided to cancel it. This meant a loss of £191, which was considered to be a lot less than if it had taken place. The expenses were entry form printing and mailing but, fortunately, no Hall Hire cancellation fee.
- b) At the start of the season I was informed that the General Accident free venue for County Matches was no longer available. This meant a Hall Hire charge of £25 for all County home fixtures. Although the September executive meeting voted to increase the Board Fee for each player at home fixtures from £2 to £2.50, this only paid for part of the deficit. It will be necessary to increase this Board Fee further for next season.

1 GENERAL INCOME

This was £114 over Budget, the extra coming from Vice-Presidents' Subscriptions (+£72), Interest(+£29) and Donations (+£34), offset by several small reductions (-£21).

2 GENERAL EXPENSES

These were £132 below Budget, mainly due to Secretary (-£25), Bulletin (-£23), and Hall Hire for meetings (-£75, credits being taken for an underspend on last year's AGM and a reduced budget for this year's)

3 ACTIVITIES

Game Fees were almost the same as last year, after allowing for the Congress cancellation.

Most events were close to Budget, but three differed by large amounts. Junior Congresses were successful making a small £38 surplus instead of a £75 deficit. (A great improvement on last year's £188 deficit!) County Match Hall Hire was £250 over Budget, because of the withdrawal of the free venue. County Match General Expenses were £143 over Budget: last year's BCF County Final Stages were £72 over and Board Fees less Match Captains' Expenses were £71 over.

4 BALANCE SHEET: ASSETS and LIABILITIES as at 15 April 1998

The balances are :- Cash £21.89, Bank of Scotland £121.14, Bank of Scotland Deposit £1150.00, and Midland Bank £2.34.

5 TIES REPLACEMENT FUND

The Association has a tradition of awarding ties under defined rules and purchases of such ties occur about every twenty years, the last purchase being in 1994. A fund is maintained to provide for their eventual replacement, based on current purchasing cost. Under this formula a sum of £265 would be needed to replenish the stock of ties to 150. This sum is therefore provided in the accounts, although there is no contractual liability to replenish the stock.

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hertford are the League Champions. Other teams highlighted by bold font have earned promotion; those in *italic* are relegated to the division below.

Four games were unresolved at the end of the season: two were dealt with by the Adjudications Secretary where one side did not submit a claim. The third was a disputed play-on, resolved by the Rules Committee. The fourth simply died. None of these four games affected the positions of teams, and thus were ignored for league purposes. Ineligible players were fielded on four occasions.

DIVISION 1	match points	game points
Hertford 1	20	40.5
Barnet 1	20	39.5
St Albans 1	16	33.5
H Hempstead 1	9	22
Hoddesdon 1	8	25.5
Watford 1	6	26
<i>Royston 1</i>	5	23

DIVISION 5	match points	game points
Royston 2	20	39.5
Stevenage 2	17	34
Watford 4	16	35
Hoddesdon 3	11	30
Barnet 3	10	27.5
<i>St Albans 6</i>	5	25.5
<i>Hertford 4</i>	5	19.5

DIVISION 2	match points	game points
Bumbles Green	18	39.5
Hertford 2	16	37
St Albans 2	16	31
Letchworth 1	11	31
Watford 2	11	27
St Albans 3	7	22.5
<i>Pin Green 1</i>	5	20

DIVISION 6	match points	game points
Mid Herts 3	23	41
Hoddesdon 4	21	43
Pin Green 2	20	42
Rothamstead	15	36.5
Letchworth 3	11	33.5
Barnet 4	8	27
<i>Letchworth 4</i>	7	30.5
<i>Stevenage 3</i>	7	26.5

DIVISION 3	match points	game points
Mid Herts 1	20	40
Stevenage 1	16	36
Hoddesdon 2	16	32
H Hempstead 2	12	25
Old Eliz's	9	26
Mid Herts 2	8	25.5
<i>Letchworth 2</i>	3	21.5

DIVISION 7	match points	game points
Watford 5	25	48.5
H Hempstead 3	20	46
Mid Herts 4	19	44
Watford 6	12	34.5
St Albans 7	10	29.5
Royston 3	9	27
H Hempstead 4	9	26.5
Letchworth 5	8	23

DIVISION 4	match points	game points
Watford 3	20	41
St Albans 4	16	37
Barnet 2	15	32.5
Hertford 3	15	31.5
St Albans 5	8	25.5
B Stortford	6	19.5
<i>Borehamwood</i>	4	23

RUSSELL TROPHY: won by **Bumbles Green**(Teams withdrawing from the competition are indicated by *italic* font)

<i>Borehamwood</i>	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead	Hertford			
Hemel Hempstead						
<i>Bishops Stortford</i>	Royston	Hemel Hempstead				
Royston						
<i>Pin Green</i>	Hertford	Hertford				
Hertford						
<i>Allenburys</i>	Barnet	Hertford				
Barnet						
<i>Mid Herts</i>	St Albans	Bumbles Green		Bumbles Green		
St Albans						
Stevenage	Bumbles Green					
Bumbles Green						
Letchworth	Hoddesdon					
Hoddesdon						
<i>Old Elizabethans</i>	Watford	Hoddesdon				
Watford						

SHARP TROPHY: won by **Hoddesdon**(Teams withdrawing from the competition are indicated by *italic* font)

<i>Rothamsted</i>	Borehamwood	Hertford	Hertford			
Borehamwood						
Hertford	Hertford					
<i>Pin Green</i>						
Watford	Stevenage	Stevenage				
Stevenage						
Barnet	Barnet	Hoddesdon				
<i>Bishops Stortford</i>						
<i>Bumbles Green</i>	Letchworth					
Letchworth						
Hoddesdon	Hoddesdon		Hoddesdon			
<i>Old Elizabethans</i>						
Hemel Hempstead	Allenburys	Allenburys				
Allenburys						
Royston	Royston					
<i>Mid Herts</i>						

U125 KNOCKOUT: won by Rothamsted(Teams withdrawing from the competition are indicated by *italic font*)

<i>Bishops Stortford</i> <i>Bumbles Green</i>			
Hemel Hempstead Royston	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead	
<i>Barnet</i> Rothamsted	Rothamsted		Rothamsted
Pin Green Borehamwood	Pin Green	Rothamsted	
Hertford Allenburys	Hertford		
Letchworth Stevenage	Letchworth	Hertford	
<i>Mid Herts</i> Hoddesdon	Hoddesdon		
St Albans Watford	St Albans	Hoddesdon	Hoddesdon

Unfortunately I don't have any of Lorin's games from the British Championships to show you, but this game is quite entertaining.

L Debbage (159) - L D'Costa (145)

U15 Gigafinal (round 6) 12.7.98

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb a6 5.Nc3 ab 6.e4 (the dangerous line against the Benko. Black doesn't have much queenside counterplay, but is not material down) ...b4 7.Nb5 d6 (7...Nxe4?? 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Nd6 mate is embarrassing) 8.Bc4 Nbd7 (again 8...Nxe4? 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Bf4 is good for White) 9.Nf3 Ba6 10.Qe2 Qb8 11.a4 (*presumably to defend e4 - the queen was overloaded - but when you play this line with White you shouldn't be concerned about mere pawns! - JFM*) ...g6 12.b3 Bg7 13.Bb2 0-0 14.e5 (White is getting his centre rolling, but his king is still in the centre) ...Ng4 15.e6 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Nde5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Qe2 (bolstering c4, but 18.ef+ Rxf7 19.0-0 was an option) ...fe 19.de d5! (my opponent clearly missed this. 20.Bxd5 Bxb5) 20.0-0 (20.Bd3 Nxd3 & Bxb5 - JFM) ...dc 21.bc Rf5 (threatening ...Nf3+) 22.Rfe1 Nc6 23.Rad1 Bxb5 24.ab Nd4 25.Qe4 Ra2 26.f3? Nxf3+ (whoops!) 27.Kf1 Nd2+ (White had had enough).

SCCU COUNTY 1ST TEAM MATCHES

Herts		11.10.97	Berks	
1	PG Maguire	198	0.5 - 0.5	PS Cooksey (W) 198
2	SJB Knott	226	0.5 - 0.5	HW Murphy 193
3	PV Byway	196	0 - 1	AM Leech 187
4	JF Rudge	186	1 - 0	DS Tucker 187
5	AM Simpson	187	1 - 0	PJ Tucker 183
6	SJ Roe	185	1 - 0	KD Smallbone 183
7	KR Clark	188	1 - 0	IR Henderson 170
8	A Gilfillan	187	0.5 - 0.5	MC Bowhay 166
9	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	PJ Coley 152
10	PD Hatchett	181	1 - 0	DJ Lewis 149
11	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	BG Millis 148
12	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	NW Dennis 141
13	DR Brennan	175	0.5 - 0.5	M Colgate 138
14	SJ Tovey	168	1 - 0	Ivana Houska 123
15	PJ Gregory	169	0 - 1	Mario Houska 129
16	TJ Turner	163	1 - 0	default
Herts Won		11.5 - 4.5		

Kent		17.1.98	Herts	
1	N McDonald	237	1 - 0	PG Maguire (W) 198
2	P Morris	223	1 - 0	S Swanson 201
3	J Vigus	210	0.5 - 0.5	P Borman 201
4	A Mack	202	0.5 - 0.5	PV Byway 196
5	L Gurr	201	0.5 - 0.5	JF Rudge 186
6	J Sugden	196	1 - 0	KR Clark 188
7	J Naylor	201	1 - 0	A Gilfillan 187
8	D Farndon	194	0 - 1	HL Tebbs 182
9	J Wager	193	1 - 0	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179
10	P Taylor	191	0.5 - 0.5	CE Majer 180
11	G Botley	191	0.5 - 0.5	JR Denton 177
12	A Harakis	188	1 - 0	PJ Gregory 169
13	CH Howell	186	0.5 - 0.5	B Morris 161
14	R O'Kelly	183	1 - 0	DE Bower 159
15	N Donovan	180	1 - 0	J Cook 158
16	C Rice	171	1 - 0	DM Hill 150
Kent Won		12 - 4		

Cambs		1.11.97	Herts	
1	M Ferguson (W)	226	0.5 - 0.5	PG Maguire 198
2	B Kelly	222	0.5 - 0.5	SJB Knott 226
3	H Hunt	217	1 - 0	NH Bradbury 204
4	A Cohen	213	1 - 0	S Swanson 201
5	D Moskovic	204	1 - 0	PV Byway 196
6	J Rudd	197	0.5 - 0.5	JF Rudge 186
7	M Shephard	191	1 - 0	KR Clark 188
8	M Thornton	187	1 - 0	A Gilfillan 187
9	S Foister	c180	1 - 0	HL Tebbs 182
10	B Morgan	171	1 - 0	PD Hatchett 181
11	S White	169	1 - 0	CE Majer 180
12	E Goodall	167	0 - 1	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179
13	N Harmer	159	0 - 1	JR Denton 177
14	B Weller	c150	0 - 1	PJ Gregory 169
15	M Campbell	153	0 - 1	B Morris 161
16	C Howell	152	1 - 0	DE Bower 159
Cambs Won		10.5 - 5.5		

Herts		31.1.98	Surrey	
1	PG Maguire	198	0 - 1	RA Bates (W) 220
2	SJB Knott	226	1 - 0	PJ Sowray 213
3	S Swanson	201	0 - 1	SH Berry 209
4	PF Borman	201	0 - 1	RG Granat 197
5	PV Byway	196	0.5 - 0.5	RA Allicock 196
6	JF Rudge	186	1 - 0	JC Benjamin 194
7	AM Simpson	187	1 - 0	KD Richardson 192
8	SJ Roe	185	0 - 1	M Anderton (r!) 204
9	A Gilfillan	187	0 - 1	DB Rosen 190
10	KR Clark	188	0.5 - 0.5	PD Kemp 187
11	CE Majer	180	1 - 0	JM Shepley 174
12	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	DR Sedgwick 173
13	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	P Dupré (r) 158
14	DR Brennan	175	0 - 1	PM Stimpson 170
15	PJ Gregory	169	1 - 0	CRA Clegg 168
16	B Morris	161	1 - 0	KFH Inward 160
Herts Won		9 - 7		

Herts		15.11.97	Oxon	
1	PG Maguire (W)	198	0.5 - 0.5	AC Hunt 208
2	SJB Knott	226	1 - 0	ML Devereux 208
3	S Swanson	201	1 - 0	J Wittman 186
4	PV Byway	196	0.5 - 0.5	TR Dickinson 185
5	KR Clark	188	0.5 - 0.5	DG Hackett 186
6	A Gilfillan	187	0 - 1	G Chapman 172
7	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	RJ Starkie 171
8	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	LR Millin 167
9	JR Denton	177	0.5 - 0.5	JN Stayt 166
10	CE Majer	180	1 - 0	S Terry 160
11	DR Brennan	175	0.5 - 0.5	DJ Bruce 166
12	PJ Gregory	169	1 - 0	NC Jones 166
13	GA Hollis	168	0.5 - 0.5	P Ball 150
14	B Morris	161	1 - 0	TG Heslop 122
15	DE Bower	159	1 - 0	J Kennedy 87
16	DM Hill	150	1 - 0	default
Herts Won		11.5 - 4.5		

Sussex		14.2.98	Herts	
1	FJ Kwiatowski	204	1 - 0	P Borman 201
2	DB Graham	204	0 - 1	PV Byway 196
3	LE Rutherford	198	1 - 0	JF Rudge 186
4	GH James	197	1 - 0	KR Clark 188
5	BJ Denman	?	0.5 - 0.5	A Gilfillan 187
6	M Broom	193	0.5 - 0.5	HL Tebbs 182
7	SJ Newman	187	0.5 - 0.5	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179
8	JA Dodgson	179	0.5 - 0.5	CE Majer 180
9	PG Farr	179	1 - 0	JR Denton 177
10	JM Mansson	178	0.5 - 0.5	DR Brennan 175
11	MR Stott	177	0 - 1	PJ Gregory 169
12	MO Costley	176	0.5 - 0.5	TJ Turner 163
13	RJ Almond	175	1 - 0	B Morris 161
14	RV Elliston	174	0.5 - 0.5	DE Bower 159
15	IG Kelly	167	1 - 0	J Cook 158
16	R O'Brien	171	1 - 0	default
Sussex Won		10.5 - 5.5		

Herts		28.2.98	Essex	
1	PG Maguire	198	0.5 - 0.5	AP Lewis 212
2	SJB Knott	226	1 - 0	DJ Coleman 204
3	S Swanson	201	0 - 1	DA Sands 204
4	P Borman	201	1 - 0	GJ Moore 207
5	JF Rudge	186	0 - 1	M Twyble 200
6	SJ Roe	185	1 - 0	JP Manley 205
7	A Gilfillan	187	0 - 1	G Kenworthy 200
8	KR Clark	188	1 - 0	JH Hodgson 196
9	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	PL Williamson 184
10	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	JA Goldberg 178
11	CE Majer	180	0.5 - 0.5	R Parker 177
12	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	JC Moore 182
13	DR Brennan	175	0 - 1	RP White 187
14	SJ Tovey	168	1 - 0	D Kraszewski 183
15	B Morris	161	1 - 0	W Saunders 171
16	DE Bower	159	1 - 0	I Myall 168
Herts Won		10.5 - 5.5		

Bucks		15.3.98	Herts	
1	R Webb	211	0 - 1	SJB Knott 226
2	AP Smith	202	0 - 1	S Swanson 201
3	J Beedle	201	0.5 - 0.5	JF Rudge 186
4	RJ Richmond	185	0.5 - 0.5	KR Clark 188
5	RB Edwards	185	1 - 0	default
6	H-P Hansen	180	0.5 - 0.5	HL Tebbs 182
7	R de Coverley	173	0.5 - 0.5	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179
8	M Mashayekh	173	0.5 - 0.5	CE Majer 180
9	AMJ Robbings	172	0 - 1	JR Denton 177
10	M Armstrong	166	1 - 0	DR Brennan 175
11	M George	160	0 - 1	P Gregory 169
12	D Mansfield	e160	1 - 0	B Morris 161
13	WEC Hughes	156	1 - 0	DE Bower 159
14	A Lawrence	146	0.5 - 0.5	J Cook 158
15	B Atkinson	150	0.5 - 0.5	S Weston 150
16	AJ Hughes	127	0 - 1	C Lovisa 147
Bucks Lost		7.5 - 8.5		

BCF MINOR COUNTIES

Quarter-Final

Herts		16.5.98	Beds	
1	SJB Knott	226	0 - 1	D Ledger 203
2	S Swanson	201	0.5 - 0.5	S Ledger 196
3	P Borman	201	0.5 - 0.5	M MacdonaldRoss 194
4	PV Byway	196	0 - 1	L Berlandier 2225
5	JF Rudge	186	0.5 - 0.5	G Smith 188
6	KR Clark	188	0.5 - 0.5	R Freeman 176
7	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	P Kendall 173
8	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	K Bush 172j
9	CE Majer	180	0 - 1	B Valentine 168
10	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	R Ormesher 166
11	P Gregory	169	0.5 - 0.5	A Elwin 163
12	DR Brennan	175	0.5 - 0.5	P Taylor 159
13	L D'Costa	141j	1 - 0	K Williamson 157
14	CD Lovisa	147j	1 - 0	P Thomas 151
15	DE Bower	159	1 - 0	J Shaw 149
16	SJ Weston	150	1 - 0	C Bullock 143
Herts Won		9.5 - 6.5		

Final

Suffolk		4.7.98	Herts	
1	N Pert	222	0.5 - 0.5	SJB Knott 226
2	R Pert	221	1 - 0	S Swanson 201
3	K Bowden	223	1 - 0	P Borman 201
4	M Cook	191	0.5 - 0.5	PG Maguire 198
5	I Wallis	188	0 - 1	PV Byway 196
6	S Munson	183	1 - 0	A Gilfillan 187
7	E Player	181	1 - 0	KR Clark 188
8	S Gregory	180	1 - 0	HL Tebbs 182
9	P Botham	176	0.5 - 0.5	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179
10	D Spence	175	1 - 0	JR Denton 177
11	A Charity	165	1 - 0	CE Majer 180
12	J Feavyour	164	0 - 1	SJ Tovey 168
13	S Ruthen	164	0 - 1	PJ Gregory 169
14	M Taylor	163	0.5 - 0.5	DR Brennan 175
15	T Lunn	161	0.5 - 0.5	B Morris 161
16	T Rubin	154	1 - 0	DE Bower 159
Suffolk Won		10.5 - 5.5		

Semi-Final

Worcs		13.6.98	Herts	
1	GM Boyce	189	0 - 1	SJB Knott 226
2	M Burrows	189	0.5 - 0.5	S Swanson 201
3	P Kitson	178	1 - 0	PG Maguire 198
4	R Thomas	176	0.5 - 0.5	PV Byway 196
5	J Edge	175	0.5 - 0.5	A Gilfillan 187
6	M Bissell	167	0.5 - 0.5	KR Clark 188
7	D Joshi	163	0 - 1	HL Tebbs 182
8	I Howarth	161	1 - 0	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179
9	A Taylor	157	1 - 0	CE Majer 180
10	G Herbert	157	0 - 1	JR Denton 177
11	M Bethel	153	0.5 - 0.5	SJ Tovey 168
12	J Foxall	153	0 - 1	PJ Gregory 169
13	E Horwill	147	0.5 - 0.5	DR Brennan 175
14	J Gittus	145	0 - 1	B Morris 161
15	J Peters	143	0 - 1	DE Bower 159
16	J Wilson	141	0 - 1	S Weston 150
Worcs Lost		6 - 10		

The **Flear Trophy** was won by **John Denton** (8/11).

Other players scoring well were:

Philip Gregory (7.5/10)
 Jeremy Fraesr-Mitchell (7.5/11)
 Simon Knott (6.5/9)
 Barry Morris (6/9)

SCCU COUNTY U150 TEAM MATCHES

Surrey 1.11.97 Herts

1	K Selby	116	1 - 0	default	
2	C Thrower	146	0.5 - 0.5	P Primett	149
3	C Fellowes	146	0.5 - 0.5	B Judkins	148
4	I McLeod	145	0.5 - 0.5	D Webb	148
5	R Bell	143	0 - 1	C Lovisa	147
6	J Marshall	141	1 - 0	M Wali	136
7	J Hawson	140	0 - 1	R Hughes	144
8	K Wilkinson	139	0.5 - 0.5	J Coles	143
9	D Baldock	135	0 - 1	P Lawrence	143
10	default		0 - 0	default	
11	F Manning	133	1 - 0	JS Marshall	141
12	JW Halls	132	0.5 - 0.5	K Hardy	140
13	K Mehendale	132	1 - 0	A Hall	136
14	J Hart	131	0 - 1	S Charles	132
15	J Hale	127	0.5 - 0.5	D Price	136
16	J Gilbert	91	0.5 - 0.5	T Wright	128
Surrey Drew			7.5 - 7.5		

Herts 31.1.98 Middx

1	O Lenton	149	0 - 1	R Aw (W)	148
2	B Judkins	148	1 - 0	M Williams	146
3	C Lovisa	147	1 - 0	C Fewtrell	146
4	R Lever	147	0 - 1	Y Tello	145
5	L D'Costa	141	0 - 1	G Brown	143
6	R Hughes	144	0 - 1	A Fulton	140
7	J Coles	143	1 - 0	B Haase	140
8	K Hardy	140	0.5 - 0.5	K Morris	140
9	J Marshall	141	0.5 - 0.5	N Tomkin	139
10	I Mutton	137	0 - 1	P Kennelly	138
11	A Hall	136	0.5 - 0.5	BA Tysoe	137
12	M Wali	136	0 - 1	G McLeod	136
13	C Kidd	136	0 - 1	CICH Wallace	133
14	S Charles	132	1 - 0	E Larkman	129
15	D Young	133	1 - 0	P Tabberer	118
16	T Wright	128	1 - 0	K Parr	108
Herts Lost			7.5 - 8.5		

Herts 15.11.97 Kent

1	N Rughwani	149	1 - 0	D Helsby (W)	149
2	C Lovisa	147	0 - 1	A Heard	148
3	R Lever	147	0 - 1	R Parsons	148
4	M Wali (r)	136	0 - 1	M Wiltshire	148
5	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0	M Finch	146
6	R Hughes	144	1 - 0	A Mata	146
7	J Coles	143	0.5 - 0.5	K Kingston	146
8	P Lawrence	143	0.5 - 0.5	D Davis	145
9	J Marshall	141	0 - 1	S Moate	142
10	K Hardy	140	1 - 0	P Titmas	139
11	I Mutton	137	0.5 - 0.5	I Hames	140
12	A Hall	136	0.5 - 0.5	S Casement	137
13	S Charles	132	0.5 - 0.5	D Gleed	132
14	D Young	133	0.5 - 0.5	S Chick	128
15	D Price	134	0 - 1	M Jones	121
16	T Wright	128	0.5 - 0.5	G Bishop	120
Herts Lost			7.5 - 8.5		

Sussex 14.2.98 Herts

1	L Rackham	142	0.5 - 0.5	N Rughwani (W)	149
2	DL Roberts	148	0.5 - 0.5	O Lenton	149
3	WH Partridge	148	0.5 - 0.5	AP Primmitt	149
4	IK Edgson	144	0.5 - 0.5	BD Judkins	148
5	PN Kington	143	0 - 1	C Lovisa	147
6	K Davies	143	1 - 0	default	
7	LJ Cannon	131	1 - 0	default	
8	TE Rendle	132	0.5 - 0.5	J Coles	143
9	TJ Woods	139	0.5 - 0.5	P Lawrence	143
10	EJ Hillier	138	0.5 - 0.5	JS Marshall	141
11	RD Hirsch	139	0 - 1	K Hardy	140
12	CC Dunn	132	0 - 1	A Hall	136
13	PH Benson	129	0.5 - 0.5	MM Wali	136
14	RC Grundy	127	0 - 1	DP Young	133
15	RA Clement	128	0.5 - 0.5	D Price	134
16	JL Bryant	89	1 - 0	T Wright	128
Sussex Lost			7.5 - 8.5		

Herts 17.1.98 Essex

1	NR Rughwani	149	0.5 - 0.5	J White (W)	147
2	BD Judkins	148	0.5 - 0.5	SM Williams	147
3	R Lever	147	0 - 1	TG Winter	147
4	C Lovisa	147	1 - 0	MRA Murrell	146
5	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0	JA Lutton	145
6	R Hughes	144	1 - 0	J Roberts	145
7	ST Cook	144	1 - 0	T Drake	145
8	J Coles	143	0.5 - 0.5	MJ Cresswell	143
9	R Clayton	146	0 - 1	P Walker	136
10	P Lawrence	143	0.5 - 0.5	P Zammit	138
11	K Hardy	140	0 - 1	DJ Rawlings	136
12	JS Marshall	141	1 - 0	DFC Bird	133
13	S Charles	132	0.5 - 0.5	RD Sharman	132
14	DP Young	133	0 - 1	I MacLachlan	131
15	TC Wright	128	0 - 1	B Sheppard	130
16	D Price	134	0 - 1	DG Cannan	128
Herts Lost			7.5 - 8.5		

SCCU COUNTY U125 TEAM MATCHES

Oxon 29.11.97 Herts

1	H Tutty	123	1 - 0	J Leake (W)	123
2	I Brooke	122	0 - 1	L Noble	121
3	A Heslop	122	1 - 0	M Flatt	122
4	T Frost	121	1 - 0	M Barnes	121
5	A Collins	121	0 - 1	T Lowson	112
6	M Duck	116	1 - 0	J Lanaway	118
7	A Wyeth	116	0 - 1	T Sims	112
8	M Brindley	116	0.5 - 0.5	P Laskier	117
9	G Brown	115	1 - 0	A Humphreys	113
10	F Fallon	112	0 - 1	T Berg	110
11	R Langham	111	0 - 1	J Moore	110
12	S Grigson	102	0.5 - 0.5	D Marchand	109
13	D Buckland	96	0 - 1	G Lunn	106
14	P Williams	88	0 - 1	R Morris	106
15	J Kennedy	87	1 - 0	J Gorman	106
16	M Creasey	81	1 - 0	Q Latif	104

Oxon Drew

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Sussex 28.2.98 Herts

1	HW Osborne	122	1 - 0	L Noble (W)	121
2	RK Hunt	118	0 - 1	S Collins	123
3	A Bradbury	124	0 - 1	CJ Byrne	117
4	PJ Helliwell	120	0.5 - 0.5	JA Leake	123
5	C Power	120	0 - 1	T Lowson	112
6	M Plumb	115	1 - 0	TJ Sims	112
7	MA Bryant	117	1 - 0	K Griggs	e120
8	JA Povey	114	0 - 1	P Laskier	117
9	D Simpkins	107	0 - 1	M Barnes	121
10	M Curtis	116	0 - 1	T Berg	110
11	I Phillipson	115	0.5 - 0.5	ARC Humphreys	113
12	J Bryant	89	1 - 0	J Moore	110
13	M Moore	106	0 - 1	Q Latif	104
14	G Cox	105	1 - 0	G Lunn	106
15	T Pfeffer	99	0 - 1	RE Morris	106
16	N Pestelle	98	0.5 - 0.5	G Halsall	108

Sussex Lost

6.5 - 9.5

Herts 17.1.98 Essex

1	D Green (W)	120	0.5 - 0.5	M Bradford	123
2	L Noble	121	0.5 - 0.5	C Barrett	
3	J Leake	123	0 - 1	R Iannetta	123
4	M Sutton	119	1 - 0	M Ashkettle	124
5	T Lowson	112	0 - 1	T Cole	123
6	M Flatt	122	0 - 1	L Trent	120j
7	C Byrne	117	1 - 0	R Payne	118j
8	M Barnes	121	0 - 1	E Walker	117j
9	P Laskier	117	0.5 - 0.5	W Petchey	116
10	J Lanaway	118	1 - 0	R Giddens	116j
11	T Berg	110	0.5 - 0.5	C Turner	113j
12	J Moore	110	0.5 - 0.5	D Allen	110j
13	D Marchand	109	1 - 0	I Rook	112
14	G Lunn	106	0.5 - 0.5	P Flint	107
15	R Morris	106	0.5 - 0.5	G Bengier	106
16	Q Latif	104	0 - 1	P Pattinson	97

Herts Lost

7.5 - 8.5

Kent 21.3.98 Herts

1	MR Jones	121	0 - 1	L Noble (W)	121
2	RC Fenn	123	1 - 0	S Collins	123
3	G Battye	115	0 - 1	C Byrne	117
4	N Lister	114	0 - 1	L Roche	122
5	D Picton	113	0.5 - 0.5	T Lowson	112
6	W Stock	115	0 - 1	T Sims	112
7	PD Poland	109	0 - 1	K Griggs	e120
8	IB Bryan	108	0 - 1	P Laskier	118
9	K Sanders	104	0 - 1	M Barnes	121
10	ID Stoneman	104	1 - 0	T Berg	110
11	IC Smith	104	0.5 - 0.5	J Lanaway	118
12	JR Thompson	101	0 - 1	J Moore	110
13	J Robertson	97	0 - 1	D Marchand	109
14	AP Fabian	97	0.5 - 0.5	G Lunn	106
15	KE Hendrikse	97	0 - 1	R Morris	106
16	T Hogg	94	0.5 - 0.5	G Halsall	108

Kent Lost

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Herts 7.2.98 Surrey

1	default		0 - 1	D Hodgson (W)	124
2	default		0 - 1	J McGing	123
3	C Byrne	117	1 - 0	D Weston-Lewis	121
4	J Leake	123	0 - 1	C Goode	123
5	T Lowson	112	0 - 1	A Hunt	122
6	T Sims	112	1 - 0	M Daood	111
7	P Laskier	117	1 - 0	T Chase	114
8	J Lanaway	118	0.5 - 0.5	D Ramsey	118
9	M Barnes	121	1 - 0	H Wylie	114
10	J Moore	110	0 - 1	K Lovell	114
11	G Halsall	108	0 - 1	D Howes	104
12	G Lunn	106	1 - 0	J Pol	108
13	R Morris	106	0 - 1	G Morse	106
14	N Belinfante	109	0.5 - 0.5	K Hosea	
15	R Claret	103	1 - 0	R Morgan	90
16	Q Latif	104	1 - 0	B Williamson	85

Herts Drew

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BCF U125 KNOCKOUT: QUARTER-FINAL

Lancs 17.5.98 Herts

1	A Dunkerley	124	0.5 - 0.5	L Noble (W)	121
2	G Jones	123	0.5 - 0.5	S Collins	123
3	S Flaherty	119	0.5 - 0.5	C Byrne	117
4	P Worsley	112	1 - 0	L Roche	122
5	A Smith	112	1 - 0	T Lowson	112
6	D Jones	118	1 - 0	T Sims	112
7	M Hamer	109	0 - 1	P Laskier	117
8	K McMahon	115	0.5 - 0.5	M Barnes	121
9	B O'Rourke	114	1 - 0	K Griggs	e120
10	S Shokrollahi	114	1 - 0	J Lanaway	118
11	B Howells	119	1 - 0	T Berg	110
12	E Anderson	105	0 - 1	D Marchand	109
13	G Hughes	113	0 - 1	J Moore	110
14	C Tillotson	92	0.5 - 0.5	D Chapman	108
15	S White	114	1 - 0	G Lunn	106
16	A Rigby	105	1 - 0	Q Latif	104

Lancs Won

10.5 - 5.5

CHILTERN LEAGUE U18 TEAM MATCHES

Chiltern Cup: Oxfordshire 6/7, Berks A 4/7, Bucks A 3/7

Chiltern Junior Cup: Bucks J 3/7, Herts J 3/7, Berks J 1/7

Results against Herts A have been ignored since less than half their matches were completed before the team folded. Bucks J scored 67 game points to Herts J's 59. However the match between Berks J and Herts J was declared void when Berks J failed to provide venue details at sufficient notice. Had this match gone ahead, Herts J would have been favourites to win it, and thus the Chiltern Junior Cup

Bucks Juniors				27.9.97	Herts Juniors			
1	M George	160	0 - 1		C Harris	163		
2	S Clark	147	0 - 1		C Lovisa	147		
3	R Thursby	141	0 - 1		L D'Costa	141		
4	T Quilter	130	1 - 0		C Turner	113		
5	A Hughes	127	0 - 1		T Lowson	112		
6	Koichi Nicholas	125	0 - 1		D Allen	110		
7	H Lossock	102	0 - 1		R Morris	100		
8	L Goodwin	106	1 - 0		K Devoti	95		
9	D Greenhill	124	1 - 0		J Palmer	95		
10	Kenji Nicholas	102	0 - 1		N Chandler	95		
11	B Pygall	95	1 - 0		D Caps	91		
12	T Kalinin	95	0 - 1		D Preiskel	88		
13	A Rothwell	69	0 - 1		S Morris	77		
14	E Cormack	91	1 - 0		P McGowan	50		
15	N Balderson	89	1 - 0		A Dowling			
16	A Thorpe	82	1 - 0		M Noble			
17	S Greenhill	70	0 - 1		R Mycroft			
18	S Sakings		0.5 - 0.5		S Leith			
19	T Fuller	88	1 - 0		N Woodhouse			
20	M Goodwin	70	1 - 0		E D'Costa			
Bucks Jnrs Lost				9.5 - 10.5				

Oxfordshire A				18.10.97	Herts Juniors			
1	S Crockart	169	1 - 0		C Lovisa	147		
2	C Moxley	165	0 - 1		L D'Costa	141		
3	P Ball	150	1 - 0		T Allen	125		
4	H Searle	139	1 - 0		T Lowson	119		
5	N Buchanan	134	1 - 0		default			
6	J Taylor	134	0 - 1		C Turner	113		
7	L Smith	131	0 - 1		D Allen	110		
8	W Tutty	123	1 - 0		R Morris	106		
9	I Brooke	122	1 - 0		default			
10	C Spalding	117	1 - 0		N Chandler	95		
11	M Brindley	116	1 - 0		P McGowan	50		
12	C Brown	115	1 - 0		V Allen			
13	B Comes	114	1 - 0		D Haria			
14	J Buchanan	105	1 - 0		P Haria			
15	D Metcalfe (res)	108	1 - 0		default			
16			1 - 0		default			
17			1 - 0		default			
18			1 - 0		default			
19			1 - 0		default			
20			1 - 0		default			
Oxon A Won				17 - 3				

Herts Juniors				4.10.97	Berks Juniors			
1	C Lovisa	147	1 - 0		J Foster	128		
2	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0		L Varnam	124		
3	T Lowson	119	0.5 - 0.5		I Houska	123		
4	A Humphreys	113	1 - 0		M Honickberg	91		
5	D Waltham	118	1 - 0		J Pitts	87		
6	C Turner	113	1 - 0		C Goddard	83		
7	D Allen	110	1 - 0		T Whipple	52		
8	B Williams	107	1 - 0		P Agarwal	44		
9	J Palmer	95	1 - 0		M Streeter	55		
10	K Devoti	95	1 - 0		P Stubbs	63		
11	D Preiskel	88	1 - 0		N Walker			
12	J Griffin		1 - 0		P Maddock	67		
13	A Dowling		1 - 0		P Lehain			
14	T Smith		1 - 0		S Baranyi			
15	P McGowan	50	1 - 0		D Platt			
16	R Mycroft		1 - 0		T Page			
17	S Leith		0 - 1		W Foster	82		
18	M Noble		1 - 0		default			
19	S Bort		1 - 0		default			
20	E D'Costa	47	1 - 0		default			
Herts Juniors Won				18.5 - 1.5				

Herts A				8.11.97	Herts Juniors			
1	R Waldteufel	163	0 - 1		C Lovisa	147		
2	D Hill	150	0 - 1		L D'Costa	141		
3	B Judkins	148	1 - 0		default			
4	AD Archibald	147	1 - 0		T Lowson	119		
5	I Mutton	137	1 - 0		A Humphreys	113		
6	M Wali	136	0 - 1		JG Jones	125		
7	S Charles	132	0 - 1		L Noble	121		
8	P Myers	130	1 - 0		K Woodhouse	109		
9	T Wright	128	0.5 - 0.5		B Williams	107		
10	M Connock	125	1 - 0		R Morris	106		
11	J Leake	123	1 - 0		J Palmer	95		
12	M Flatt	122	1 - 0		default			
13	J Lanaway	118	0 - 1		A Mycroft			
14	T Simms	112	1 - 0		B Williams	94		
15	D Marchand	109	1 - 0		D Preiskel	88		
16	N Belinfante	109	1 - 0		R Mycroft			
17	G Lunn	106	1 - 0		A Dowling			
18	J Gorman	106	1 - 0		T Smith			
19	Q Latif	104	1 - 0		default			
20	F Batchelor	88	1 - 0		M Noble			
Herts A Won				14.5 - 5.5				

Herts Juniors

6.12.97

Bucks Juniors

1	C Harris	163	0.5 - 0.5	M George	160
2	C Lovisa	147	0 - 1	S Clark	147
3	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0	R Thursby	141
4	A Eskinasi	134	1 - 0	A Hughes	127
5	T Niccoli	133	1 - 0	K Nicholas	125
6	T Lowson	119	0.5 - 0.5	H Lossock	102
7	D Waltham	118	1 - 0	A Rotherwell	69
8	C Turner	113	1 - 0	N Balderson	89
9	A Humphreys	113	1 - 0	A Thorpe	82
10	D Allen	110	1 - 0	T Fuller	88
11	B Williams	107	1 - 0	S Spikings	
12	R Morris	106	1 - 0	M Wells	
13	S Tinsley	98	1 - 0	D Shipley	88
14	N Chandler	95	1 - 0	S Greenhill	70
15	J Beale	98	1 - 0	E Selby	
16	A Challis		1 - 0	D Clark	41
17	J Griffin		0.5 - 0.5	C Williams	
18	A Dowling		1 - 0	B Monteiro	
19	V Allen		0 - 1	M Sharkey	
20	P McGowan	50	0.5 - 0.5	G Searby	

Herts Juniors Won

16 - 4

Herts Juniors

28.3.98

Bucks A

1	C Harris	163	1 - 0	A Kelly	165
2	C Lovisa	147	0.5 - 0.5	B Shipley	154
3	L D'Costa	141	0.5 - 0.5	B Atkinson	150
4	J Leake	123	0.5 - 0.5	R Stephens	144
5	T Lowson	115	0 - 1	D Turner	135
6	C Turner	113	0.5 - 0.5	E Bolduc	135
7	A Humphreys	113	0.5 - 0.5	G Brown	131
8	D Allen	110	0 - 1	K Chainacki	131
9	B Williams	107	0.5 - 0.5	D Lush	123
10	K Devoti	95	1 - 0	D Webb	116
11	D Caps	91	0 - 1	A Hill	115
12	M Webb	84	0 - 1	J Arthur	110
13	J Griffin		0 - 1	G Parker	106
14	J Beale	98	0.5 - 0.5	R Keane	97
15	M Dignam	75	0 - 1	I Hall	96
16	A Dowling		1 - 0	B Hicks	92
17	T Smith		0 - 1	N Arendel	84
18	D Haria		0 - 1	R Johnson	86
19	F Ahmed		1 - 0	G Trent	77
20	M Stemp		0.5 - 0.5	C Bennett	78

Herts Juniors Lost

8 - 12

Berkshire A

14.2.98

Herts Juniors

1	P Maul	155	0.5 - 0.5	C Harris	163
2	P Tickner	154	0 - 1	L D'Costa	141
3	B Mills	148	1 - 0	T Niccoli	133
4	R Betts	146	1 - 0	default	
5	S Gilmour	143	0.5 - 0.5	A Humphreys	113
6	A Jones	140	0 - 1	R Morris	106
7	M Colgate	138	1 - 0	N Chandler	95
8	K Savoy	138	1 - 0	D Preiskel	88
9	B Collins	132	1 - 0	J Palmer	95
10	G Blights	131	1 - 0	D Haria	
11	S Lander	117	1 - 0	M Dignam	75
12	V Makar	112	1 - 0	A Dowling	
13	M Tarrant	110	1 - 0	P Haria	
14			1 - 0	default	
15			1 - 0	default	
16			1 - 0	default	
17			1 - 0	default	
18			1 - 0	default	
19			1 - 0	default	
20			1 - 0	default	

Berkshire A Won

17 - 3

Herts Juniors

7.12.97

Cambs J (friendly)

1	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0	P Scott	182
2	T Lowson	119	0 - 1	M Wells	143
3	C Turner	113	0.5 - 0.5	B Williams	107
4	D Allen	110	0.5 - 0.5	T E-Waites	106
5	N Chandler	95	0 - 1	A E-Waites	101
6	F Ahmed	86	0 - 1	W Bennet	
7	T Smith	84	0 - 1	J Larson	
8	M Dignam	75	1 - 0	D Goldhill	76
9	M Noble	85	0 - 1	R Mycroft	
10	V Allen	86	0 - 1	J Lewitt	
11	N Woodhouse	85	0 - 1	N Sofroniew	
12	A Swann	81	1 - 0	J Jenkins	
13	J Skittrell	84	0 - 1	S Chester	
14	E D'Costa	47	1 - 0	M Zarno	

Herts Juniors Lost

5 - 9

County & District Correspondence Chess Championship 1997/98

Division 1 (Ward-Higgs): Warwickshire 16.5/26; Essex, Lancashire 16; Kent, Somerset, Sussex 15

Division 2 (Sinclair): Hampshire 19/26; Devon 16; Essex II, Middx 15.5; ... Herts 13 (=9th)

Division 3 (Brown-Pond): Essex III 15.5/20; Surrey II 12; Warwickshire III 11

The Hertfordshire Correspondence Chess team has improved its performance in 97-98. In our best result for several years our score improved from just 10/28 to 13/26. This should be a good springboard for two new initiatives:

1. A Herts Postal Ladder competition starts in mid October. Pairings can be requested at any time. All Herts players are welcome, particularly those who have not tried postal chess before.
2. A match between Herts and the British Correspondence Chess Association (BCCA) is also being arranged, with a start date of Dec 98 or Jan 99

Anyone who is interested in taking part in either or both of these new events should contact Graham Williams, 11 Greenside Drive, Hitchin, SG5 2LP. tel. 01462 - 452849

Herts Correspondence		'97 - '98	Composite team	
1	DR Brennan (W)	0.5 - 0.5	B Collinson	(Norfolk)
2	E Ratcliffe	0 - 1	W Lumley	(Yorks)
3	P May	1 - 0	A Rounding	(Northumberland)
4	A Gray	0.5 - 0.5	F Bristow	(Lancs)
5	P Maguire	0.5 - 0.5	A Price	(Warks II)
6	S Law	0.5 - 0.5	G Phillips	(Cumbria)
7	A Reed	1 - 0	T Turner	(Essex II)
8	J West	1 - 0	D Tunks	(Hants)
9	J Sharp	0.5 - 0.5	R Vanini	(Gr Manchester)
10	R Forst	0.5 - 0.5	J Springall	(Bucks)
11	M Dyer	0 - 1	P Lewin	(Middx)
12	J McKenzie	1 - 0	G De Visme	(Staffs)
13	G Williams	0.5 - 0.5	S Murray	(Berks)
14	R Boardman	1 - 0	D Heath	(Kent II)
15	J Rhodes	0 - 1	J Dunleavy	(Devon I)
16	T Wright	0 - 1	A Grimmer	(Cornwall)
17	R Butler	0.5 - 0.5	D White	(Northants)
18	J Lanaway	1 - 0	D Roots	(Norfolk)
19	R Claret	0 - 1	S Webster	(Yorks)
20	D Parrott	0.5 - 0.5	P Welsh	(Northumberland)
21	A Prince	0 - 1	T Turp	(Lincs)
22	G Miller	0 - 1	C Hammersley	(Warks II)
23	B Morris	1 - 0	K Thompson	(Cumbria)
24	A Potter	1 - 0	K Spurgeon	(Essex II)
25	A Piers	0 - 1	P Hebblethwaite	(Hants)
26	G Hickford	0.5 - 0.5	C Cummings	(Gr Manchester)
Herts Drew		13 - 13		

AF Reed (Herts) - T Turner (Essex II) Correspondence (County & District 97-98, Division 2)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3. f4 d6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e5 (this fails to solve the problem of Black's lack of space) 11.fe de 12.d5 cd 13.ed Qe7 14.Rae1 (probably +/- already) a6 15.a3 b5 16.Bg5 Qd6 17.g4 (was this necessary?) Rac8 18.Rf2 e4 (a temporary sacrifice trying to deal with the cramping pawn on d5) 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qxd5 21.Rd1 Qc6 22.Rd6 (White now constricts Black with pieces rather than pawns) Qc7 23.Bh6! (winning a pawn) Bxh6 24.Rxd7 Qe5 (obviously not ...Qxd7?? 25.Nf6+) 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qf3 Qxb2 ("=" - I assume this signifies a draw offer. Unfortunately Black loses by force now!) 28.Nd6 Rf8 29.Nf7+ Kg7 30.Qb7 Be3 31.Ng5+ Kh6 32.Qe7+ resigns
(Brief notes by JFM)

14th Letchworth One-Day Congress

Plinston Hall, Letchworth, Herts, on Sunday 15.3.98

5 round swiss (junior events 6 round swiss)

sponsored by Vitaallic Systems. Total prizes £803

Premier (open)	J. Vigus, B. Lalic 4 , P. Georghiou (<i>Barnet</i>), M. Ferguson, M. Turner, G. Kenworthy (<i>Bumbles Green</i>) 3.5
(U190)	J. Lumsden (<i>Watford</i>), L. Ndhlovu 3
(U175)	R. O'Brien 3
(Herts/Beds)	G. Kenworthy (<i>above</i>)
Challengers (U160)	M. Cutmore, I. Debbage 4.5 , P. Turner 4
(U140)	L. Trent 3.5
(Herts/Beds)	S. Smith (<i>Watford</i>) 3
Major (U125)	P. Kennelly, W. Bennet, M. Wieder 4.5
(U110)	S. Trent 3.5
(junior)	L. Dorrington 3.5
(veteran)	P. Radley (<i>Royston</i>) 3.5
(slow starter)	K. Woodhouse (<i>Royston</i>) 2
Minor (U95)	C. Kelly 5 , R. Mycroft (<i>Royston</i>) 4.5, D. Morgan, P. Sargent (<i>Hemel Hempstead</i>) 4
(junior)	J. Purcell 3.5
(veteran)	J. Pepper (<i>Letchworth & Hitchin</i>) 3
(slow starter)	A. Maddison (<i>Letchworth & Hitchin</i>) 2.5
Bishops (u14)	R. Child 6 , J. Winkworth 5, D. Gunn, S. Mullens (<i>Stanborough Sch</i>), G. Morgan, J. Harbour 4
Pawns (u11)	T. Harbour, E. Scappatura 5.5 , A. Kolanis, A. Craigen, S. Weaver, I. Bunkeld, F. Mohamed, S. Harbour 4.5

Teams of 4 Family Harbour (John, Joanna, Sophie and Tom Harbour) 74%

Please note date of next years' congress: Sunday 7.3.99. Contact Tim Thurstan 01462-459873.

16th St Albans Congress

St Albans School, Abbey Gateway, St Albans, on Sat/Sun 4/5 April 1998.

5 round swiss. Total entry 222. Total prizes £1930

Premier (U201)	P. Potopaev 4.5 , A. Reijneveld 4, G. Van Dijk, J. Havenaar 3.5
Challengers	N. De Peyer 4.5 , W. Van Randen, R. O'Brien 4, L. D'Costa (<i>Royston</i>), D. Parr, S. Den Haan, I. Okosieme, T.Bean 3.5
Major	P. Tart, L. Osiyemi 4.5 , L. Trent, M. Stanners, K. Nicholas, A. Hall (<i>Watford</i>) 4
Intermediate	D. Waltham (St Albans), P. Gill 4.5 , E. Walker, M. Leman 4
Minor	D. Hanson, J. Dawson 4.5 , K. Devoti (<i>Bishops Stortford</i>), M. Coughtrey, R. Burroughs 4

Teams of 4: 1st Holland
 2nd= Oxford Blues, Pays Bas, Trentiums, Local Yokels.

Next years congress will be 10/11 April 1999, same venue.

CAPEL CUP: won by Gary Kenworthy

Kevin Baggs Gary Kenworthy	Gary Kenworthy		Gary Kenworthy
Ian Hall Phillip Gregory	Phillip Gregory	Gary Kenworthy	
Tom Wright (w/d) John Denton	John Denton		
bye Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell	Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell	John Denton	
Steve Law Jon Freeman	Steve Law	Steve Law	Steve Law
bye Adam Corper	Adam Corper (w/d)		
Steve Collins Phil Maguire	Phil Maguire		
bye Chris Briscoe	Chris Briscoe		

BURN CUP: won by Steve Law

Ian Hall Steve Law	Steve Law	Steve Law
Chris Lean Peter Bunce	Chris Lean	
Tom Wright <i>Kevin Baggs (w/d)</i>	Tom Wright	Tom Wright
Steve Collins Paul Martin	Paul Martin	

HCA Secondary Schools Event

Onslow St Audrey's, Sunday 29.3.98

Six Round Swiss in two sections (U17 and U12) (36 entered, 29 played)

U17 **Jonathan Daykin** (Merchant Taylor's) **5**, Cesar Fernandez (Nicholas Breakspear) **4.5**

(U14) **Christopher Smith** (Bishops Stortford High) **4**

(U13) **Philip MacDonald** (Roundwood Park) **4**

U12 **Charles Davie** (Verulam), **Alexander Bagley** (Haileybury) **5.5**,

(girls) **Joanne Wright** (Hemel Hempstead) **1**

Teams **Nicholas Breakspear** (David Breeden, Andrew Christley, Timothy Troy, Benjamin Woolford-Lim) **13**,

Roundwood Park (Nicholas Cockayne, James Kelliher, Phillip MacDonald, Omar Shahrya) **12.5**

HCA North Herts League Congress

Hitchin Boys, Sunday 5.10.97

Five Round Swiss in two sections (U17 and U11)

U17 **Andrew Jackson** (Hitchin Boys) **5**, Allan Swann (John Henry Newman) **3**

(U15) **David Cornish** (Heathcote) **3.5**, John Collins (St Christopher), Chris Jackson (Hitchin Boys), Alex Hankinson-Parr (Hitchin Boys) **3**

(U14) **Stephen White** (Hitchin Boys) **4**, Damien Pilkington-Lewis (St Christopher) **2**

(U13) **James Selley** (Hitchin Boys) **3.5**, Samir Jehaj (Hitchin Boys) **3**

(U12) **Luke Bishop** (Hitchin Boys), **Ben Cheal** (Hitchin Boys) **2**

Teams **Hitchin Boys I** (Andrew Jackson, Samir Jeraj, James Selley, David Morgan) **13.5**,

Hitchin Boys III (Stephen White, Chris Jackson, Alan Howard, Alex Hankinson-Parr) **11.5**

U11 **Daniel Allen** (St Vincent de Paul) **5**, James Shakespeare-Smith (St Thomas More) **4**

(U10) **Tom Gilbert** (St Thomas More) **4**, Shaun Smith (St Thomas More), Matthew Allen (St Vincent de Paul) **3**

(U9) **Elizabeth Skalski** (St Thomas More) **2.5**, Michael Cheal (Pixmore) **1.5**

(U8) **James Brooks** (Highover) **1.5**

Teams **St Thomas More** (Adam Skalski, Shaun Smith, Tom Gilbert, James Shakespeare-Smith) **13**,

St Vincent de Paul (Matthew Allen, David Allen, William Hollis) **10.5**

HCA Central & West Primary School Event

Fleetville, Sunday 21.6.98

Five Round Swiss in 4 sections (U11, U10, U9, U8, with 23, 30, 24 and 24 entries respectively)

- U11** **Matthew Dignam** (St Thomas More, B'hampstead) **5**, Akhil Kapacee (Radlett), Robin Buckley (Yorke Mead), Phillip Bartell (Holmshill) **4**
(girls) Helen Pearce (Lt. Gaddesden) **3**, Elizabeth Warden (Fleetville) **2**
- U10** **Christopher Waters** (Crabtree), **Christopher West** (Yorke Mead), **Ross Cubbon** (Crabtree), **Thomas Whiddett** (Lt. Gaddesden) **4**
(girls) Julie MacQueen (Bromet) **3**, Ruth Pritchard (Lt. Gaddesden), Hannah O'Shee (Prae Wood), Gemma Lakin (Prae Wood), Zoe Bidgood (Little Heath) **2.5**
- U9** **Edward Pinter** (Crabtree) **5**, Sam Thompson (Prae Wood), David McGonegle (Lt. Heath) **4**
(girls) Anna Savitsky (Bishops Wood) **3**, Elizabeth Cooke (Kenilworth), Cassie Chapman (Lt. Gaddesden) **2**
- U8** **Andrew Humbles** (Kenilworth) **5**, George Taylor (Kenilworth), Robert Pearce (Lt. Gaddesden), Andrew Teasdale (Oakwood) **4**
(girls) Amy Thompson (Oakwood) **1**
(U7) **Charlie Allen** (Kenilworth) **2**, Vijesh Tanna (Northwood), Sam Reynolds (Lt. Gaddesden) **1.5**
- Teams** **Crabtree** (Ross Cubbon, Chang He, Edward Pinder, Matthew Smith) **15.5**,
 Lt. Gaddesden (Helen Pearce, Thomas Whiddett, Ruth Pritchard, Robert Pearce) **13.5**

HCA North & East Primary Schools Event

Bengeo, Sunday 17.5.98

Five Round Swiss in one section (U11)

- U11** **David Williams** (St Thomas More) **4.5**, James Shakespeare-Smith (St Thomas More) **4**
(U10) **Tom Gilbert** (St Thomas More) **4.5**, Oliver Mason (St Thomas More), Shaun Smith (St Thomas More) **3.5**
(girls) **Daniella Rizzo** (St Thomas More) **2**
(U9) **Simon McConnell** (Northgate) **3.5**, Nathan Davies (St Mary's, Ware) **3**
(U8) **Ryan Simmons** (St Vincent de Paul, Stevenage) **0.5**
- Teams** **St Thomas More I** (Tom Gilbert, James Shakespeare-Smith, David Williams, Shaun Smith) **16.5**
 St Thomas More II (Stefan Tarnowski, Robert Smith, Oliver Mason, Daniella Rizzo) **10.5**

1998 - 99 DIARY

County 1st team

10 Oct Berks away
31 Oct Cambs home
14 Nov Oxon away
16 Jan Kent home
30 Jan Surrey away
13 Feb Sussex home
27 Feb Essex away
13 Mar Bucks home

U150

31 Oct Surrey home
28 Nov Essex away
13 Feb Sussex home
27 Feb Middx away
13 Mar Kent away

U125

24 Oct Sussex home

7 Nov Surrey away
5 Dec Essex away
16 Jan Oxon home
23 Jan Middx away
20 Mar Kent home

U100

17 Oct Kent away
28 Nov Essex home
30 Jan Surrey away
13 Mar Middx home

Chiltern

19 Sept Oxon home
3 Oct Herts J home
17 Oct Bucks J home
7 Nov Berks J away
21 Nov Berks away
5 Dec Bucks home

20 Feb Oxon away
6 Mar Berks home
20 Mar Bucks away

Chiltern U18

19 Sept Berks J home
3 Oct Herts home
7 Nov Bucks J away
5 Dec Berks home
19 Dec Bucks away
9 Jan Bucks J home
23 Jan Oxon home
13 Feb Berks J away

Congresses

5-6 Dec Hitchin
23-24 Jan Barnet
7 Mar Letchworth
10-11 April St Albans

EVERGREEN GAME - this is outstanding !!

KR Clark - JH Hodgson

Herts v Essex, S.C.C.U. Championship 1997/98 28th February 1998

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cd 5.Bc4 Qc7 Black adopts an aggressive approach. If Bxd5, then Qxe5+ and 7....Qxd5 wins a pawn. **6.Qe2 Nb6 7.Bb3** I had understood that 7.Bd3 was more usual, but b3 seemed a more natural square for the bishop. **7... d3** Offering a sacrifice for the second time, but white's e-pawn disappears if the d pawn is taken. **8.Qe4 Qc6** Black offers the exchange of queens to free his position. **9.Nd2 Qxe4+?** ... Na6 threatening Nc5 was more appropriate. **10.Nxe4 Nc6 11.Nf3 h6** Suddenly, black realises that the exchange of queens has created more problems than it has solved. Black wants to play ... g6 & Bg7, but the threat of Ng5 is powerful, since Black leaves weaknesses on the black squares around his king if he defends with ... e6. The e pawn needs defending against an eventual ... g6 & Bg7. **12. Bf4** seemed natural, but a bit awkward after the reply ... g5. So I considered a deeper continuation, and found that it worked! **12.0-0 g5 13.Re1 g4** In years to come, perhaps this position will be found in a beginner's book, as an example of good development v.bad. Black has neglected his development in favour of an attack on White's king's knight, and if that knight moves, he hopes to hold his position with **14 ... Nxe5**. He has overlooked a devastating continuation. **14.Nd6+!! ed** A forced reply, for if **14 ... Kd8**, **15 Nxf7** wins the rook. **15.ed+ Kd8** The pawn on d6 cuts Black's position in 2, and his queenside pieces need several moves to develop. Even without the continuation below, Black has a struggle to reach a tenable position. **16.Ng5!! hg** White sacrifices his other knight, which must be taken to stop **17. Nxf7+ 17.Bg5+ Be7** This defence to the check surrenders the dark squares around the king to white's bishop, but **17 ... Ne7** is hardly any better. **18.Rxe7 Nxe7** Up till now, Black had been accepting the sacrifices offered at some speed, perhaps believing I had miscalculated. With my next move, he suddenly realises the game is up. **19.Bxf7!** There is no hurry to take on e7, which releases the pin and allows the Black king to escape to e8. Instead, White creates a mating net. **19... Nbd5** Black offers a sacrifice to gain time. Whilst White could simply take the piece for nothing, it does not need to be taken. **20.Re1 d2** ... Re8 would prolong the game a little, but the move chosen allows an artistic finish. **21.Rxe7 d1=Q+** Bystanders at the game may have thought that there is a forced checkmate in 2. They were right! **22.Re1+ Ne7** No time for Black to use his newly promoted queen. **23.Bxe7 mate** The final position is reminiscent of master games from bygone days. It is not a game that I will easily forget!

HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

FROM D PARROTT - COUNTY GRADER

1998 REPORT

In my report to the 1997 AGM, I commented on the drive by the BCF towards a completely computerised grading system and the need at sometime in the future to find a replacement willing to undertake the work on a computer. At the time there seemed no great urgency, and I was re-elected. However a report passed on to me by Chris Lean by the new Director of Grading for the BCF, Chris Howell, indicates that it is seen as desirable to remove dinosaurs like me as soon as possible. A small section from the summary indicates the tone of the BCF's thinking "the current grading system has been in crisis for some time; the new grading system will arrive on the scene just in time to avoid any worsening of what was quite a serious short fall in the perceived quality of the BCF list.....it is hoped that shortly into the new millennium we will have a user friendly, state of the art grading and administration system". While I shall of course continue for as long as required I feel the HCA needs to look for a replacement at the end of this season, or at the very latest the season after.

The desirability of moving to a computerised system was highlighted at the end of last season. I was attempting to incorporate a flood of very late results into the seasons figures, when I was contacted for the very first time of the season by the BCF, to inform me that I had just three days to get the results in, in time for printing. As a result I had to send in all the data I had, without time for completing the results or checking for accuracy. As some of you will have discovered by now this meant that 7 players (ironically including one D Parrott) did not appear on the list at all, and a further 10 did not have all the data included. I have listed them with their correct grades at the end of this report.

As indicated, the lateness of many of the received results meant that some 170 had to be carried over until next season. This is reflected in the fact that only 2193 games (i.e 4386 individual results) were processed, compared with the previous seasons 2333 and the record of 2505. The number of Hertfordshire registered players dropped from 381 to 369. Most worryingly however was the number of new players (i.e previously unregistered players who played 5 plus games) was down from last seasons already all time low of 39 to 20. (IS IT A DYING SPORT ?).

The greatest number of results inevitably came from Hoddesdon with 801 (781 last year), with St Albans providing 474 (419) and Watford 383 (546). St Albans again, fielded the most players with 51, Watford had 36 and Hemel Hempstead 34. Hemel had the most new players with just 4.

For the fifth year running the most number of games were played by Roger Kearns, although he must be running out of steam with just 61 (7780 points) compared with last years 79. His nearest rivals were Alan Patmore, 52 games 5418 points, Alan Gore 50 games 6445 points and Ron Hughes 48 games 7007 points - all needlessly to say from Hoddesdon.

The top ten players included just one new face to the list, and that pleasingly a lady (the first to get into this list) in Natasha Regan. The full list is as follows:

1.	Gary Kenworthy	213
2.	Natasha Regan	206
3.	Howard Tebbs	205
4.	Paul Georghiou	204
5.	Steve Swanson	200
6.	Paul Byway	197
7.	Jeremy Lumsden	191
8.	Tryfon Gavriel	188
9.	Jerry Rudge	185
10.	Mike Boyce	183

These grades are for results achieved just in HCA games.

Eight players managed 8 or more games unbeaten in the Hertfordshire league last season. They were: Lorin D'Costa 10.5 / 12, Alan Gore 9 / 12, Howard Tebbs 8.5 / 12, Dave Faulkner 8.5 / 11, Natasha Regan 8.5 / 11, Ross Brennan 8.5 / 11, Ian Jenkins 6 / 9 and Gary Kenworthy 7.5 / 8.

Seven players last season achieved results in their HCA games that were more than 20 points better than their grade. Amazingly Lorin D'Costa appears in this list for the third year running. The full results are:

1.	Lorin D'Costa	174 from 141
2.	Mike Boyce	183 from 151
3.	Robert Johnson	120 from 90
4.	Pete Tuck	121 from 95
5.	Mark Pearson	139 from 114
6.	Howard Tebbs	205 from 182
6.	Chris Dyer	147 from 124

It is especially pleasing to have in Pete Tuck and Chris Dyer two players, who come for a change, from one of the smaller clubs.

Finally, in order to assist the accurate identification of players the BCF is requesting full names and if possible dates of birth of all players. It would be of great assistance all round if the full names AT LEAST can be entered onto the results cards. I'll leave dates of birth to your discretion.

Players missed out from the grading list : C Cale 133, D Carr 98, J Dio 108, B Gardiner 93, L Jones 129, P Littlefair 133, D Parrott 129, S Smith 148.

Players whose grades will be changed by extra results are : P Bunce 119, R Carter 132, A Hall 136, D Healey 100, G James 139, S Morris 98, A Sims 117, M Webb 89 and J Wholly 102.

Dave Parrott